

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 11 with the following replacement paragraph.

A process for printing XML directly using a formatting template is performed by the Print Services Facility 450 as illustrated in Fig. 4 and described with reference to Fig 5 above. The process described with reference to Figs. 4-5, may be tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium ~~or carrier~~, e.g. one or more of the fixed and/or removable data storage devices 490, or other data storage or data communications devices. The computer program 492 of the storage device 490 may be loaded into PSF 450 to configure the PSF 450 for execution. The computer program 492 comprise instructions which, when read and executed by the PSF 450 causes the PSF 450 to perform the steps necessary to execute the steps or elements of the present invention.

Please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract.

A printing system and method for printing XML files directly using a formatting template is disclosed. The formatting template comprising an XML Descriptor (XMD) associated with each XML data element in a tree structure of the XML document. XML Descriptors (XMDs) are identified by an associated qualified tag. The qualified tag includes a concatenation of a plurality of XML start tags representing start tags hierarchically traversed in the tree structure of the XML document to reach the XML data element associated therewith. The XMDs provide formatting to content associated with the XML data element. A printer prints the rendered XML document according to the template using the XMDs.